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## NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

### COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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Room 6E22, CIA Headquarters Building

25 May 1970

1330-1745

[Note: Since this was a Special Meeting dealing exclusively with the single action item recorded in the pages following, the usual Index and Section categories for COMIREX Minutes are omitted.]

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### MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

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CHAIRMAN:

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Guidance for National Reconnaissance Program Planning FY 1972  
and Beyond (COMIREX-D-13.16/8B)

1. The special meeting convened at 1330 in the Office of the Chairman to consider initial draft papers prepared by the COMIREX staff, in accordance with the Chairman's instructions at the 14 May meeting (See COMIREX-M-96, Section IV, paragraphs 7-10), on the three NRP planning issues specified by the Director, NRO, and tasked to COMIREX for action per USIB-D-46.4/36, 5 May 1970, and Memorandum for Holders, 8 May 1970.

2. In his opening remarks the Chairman noted that, as previously agreed, this meeting would be an interim session devoted to consideration and general discussion of the views and comments of the member agencies on the issues raised in the NRO request for guidance and on the initial treatment of these issues in the drafts at hand. This exchange would focus on identifying the major areas in the papers which require reworking, amplification or modification, and provide the basis for revised drafts. These would be available for detailed consideration and coordination at the 28 May regular COMIREX meeting. He proposed, as the order of business, that the members first speak to their general observations and comments on the effort so far and then the Committee could proceed to more detailed discussion on each of the three separate sections in order-- [ ] SALT, [ ]

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4. In commenting on the SALT draft, the State member noted the Department's view that reference to the previous work of the NSSM-28 Verification Panel should suffice as the basis for

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COMIREX treatment of possible SALT issues. There should be no need for the Committee to attempt to break new ground on this. [ ] stressed the DIA recommendation that the statements on satellite imagery capabilities, as treated in this initial draft, should be clearly identified as based on the assumption that the Soviets would proceed on a standard, "business-as-usual", basis.

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6. [ ] proposed and members agreed that [ ] the USIB and NRO should be advised that the COMIREX conclusions stated at this time are preliminary judgements and further guidance will be provided to the NRO upon completion of the comprehensive study currently underway. He noted that a similar problem existed for the SALT response. The uncertainty at this time as to the nature of any such agreement makes it imperative for COMIREX again to stress the preliminary aspect of its guidance on this question.

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8. The DIA alternate member noted that, under the established annual schedule for providing COMIREX/USIB guidance for the NRO's fiscal planning cycle, the present paper would normally deal with the full range of subjects pertinent to the 5-year FY 1972-76 period. In this instance, however, the focus is limited to only the three points specified in the D/NRO's request. The Chairman agreed

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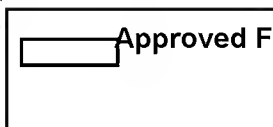
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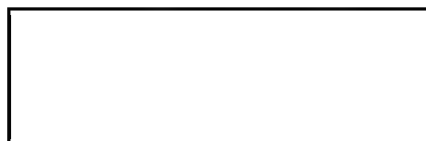
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that this was an important point and undertook to incorporate a statement in the forthcoming draft cover memorandum that would confirm existing COMIREX/USIB guidance pertinent to other areas of concern over the FY 72-76 period.

9. In closing, it was agreed that the Office of the Chairman would prepare new drafts reflecting the changes as discussed. These would be circulated as completed in order to facilitate review and coordination. In addition, a proposed covering memorandum incorporating the recommendations of the three separate papers would be drafted by the Chairman and circulated. The regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, 28 May, will be devoted to consideration of this next set of drafts so that a final paper can be completed and sent to the USIB the following week.

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